



# *The United States Army Band*

## *"Pershing's Own"*

Col. Thomas Rotondi, Jr., Leader and Commander  
Sgt. Major Ross N. Morgan, Jr., Enlisted Leader

---

## *Major Jim R. Keene*

### *Executive Officer*

### *Director, The U.S. Army Strings*

**M**ajor Jim Keene currently serves as director of The U.S. Army Strings in Washington, DC. He regularly leads The U.S. Army Strings in performances for national and international military, civilian leaders, dignitaries, and heads of state. On June 11, 2004, he led The U.S. Army Chorus at the interment of President Ronald Reagan in Simmi Valley, CA. He has served at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, VA, as the Student Company commander; at the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Band and Chorus, Heidelberg, Germany as Executive Officer; and at the Army Ground Forces/Forces Command (FORSCOM) Band, Atlanta, GA, as Executive Officer.

Prior to joining the Army he served as assistant conductor of the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Symphony and was orchestra conductor on staff of the SMU International Conser-



vatory Summer Festival in Taos, NM. He worked as a violinist, pianist, and Music director of the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera. He is the winner of the Louis Xavier Schmidt first prize in piano and the Paul Velucci prize in conducting. He has performed extensively as a piano accompanist. He received a Bachelor's of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of New Mexico. He graduated with honors and received a Master's of Music in Orchestral Conducting from the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. He is a native of Albuquerque, NM.

His military decorations include two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, four awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

---

**The U.S. Army Band Public Affairs Office** – 204 Lee Ave, Fort Myer, VA 22211-1199

Office: (703) 696-3718 Fax: (703) 696-0279

[www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com)